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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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BISHOP C. L. MOODY

Bishop C. L. Moody and a small team of COGIC workers recently returned from Ethiopia, where they made an on sight examination of hunger relief operations. The trip was an eye opening experience, and the Whole Truth newspaper is pleased to share their experience with the saints. Our church is working to eliminate the suffering and bring comfort to the starving people of that far-off land. Facts are plainly before the world, and millions of children and adults are in peril of dying from starvation.

Accompanying Bishop Moody were Dr. Norman Quick of New York City and Brother Anthony Moody, the Bishop's son. The three went as a part of an interdenominational Christian

COGIC MISSION TO ETHIOPIA MAKES PROGRESS

team of Americans. The host organization was the "Christian Relief and Development Association". The trio observed their operations and the progress being made in halting those sad circumstances. The Christian Relief and Development Association (CRDA) is supplying immediate food and medical supplies in Ethiopia. It is this organization that our church is contributing mission dollars. The CRDA has a well established record of disaster relief. Along with The CRDA is the "Church World Services" (CWS). is providing irrigation and agricultural technology to the local people to help them produce crops in the future.

Currently, Ethiopia is under the stress of a continued drought. Being a once proud land of kings and culture, this most abject situation has caused the nation to suffer more than physical damage. The government became Communist controlled and, consequently, anti-Western, and anti-religious to an extent. Bishop Moody and the others used the interdenominational group to enter Ethiopia

because the government has banned pentecostal worship. Ethiopia had long been tolerant of other faiths, but recently things have changed. Still, our mission is to this dying world. Bishop Moody commented, "While in Ethiopia, we made contact with pentecostal Christians, and there is always a possibility of a change." Bishop is hopeful that in the near future those saints will have the ban lifted, allowing open pentecostal worship; then church organization and development can occur. He further commented, "Not offending the government is an important thing. We are prepared to deal with it; it is a tough situation."

While there, he and the team accompanied the CRDA representatives to a couple of feeding stations. During the convocation, our saints raised a considerable amount to help feed the hungry. Our church is contributing directly to CRDA, and Bishop wanted first-hand knowledge of the activity. He toured two feeding stations where hundreds were coming and going daily.



PICTURE ABOVE IS A MOTHER WAITING TO FEED HER STARVING CHILD AT A FEEDING STATION.
Photo by Anthony Moody.

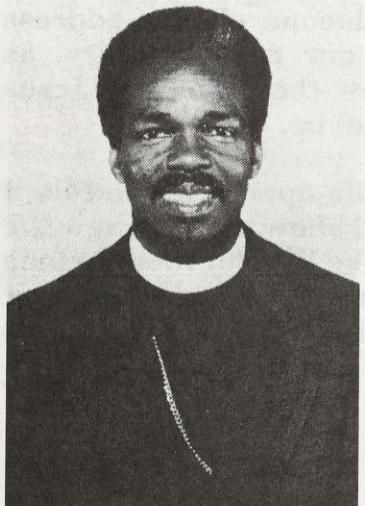
The CRDA feeding stations were fenced in compounds where the people received food and medical attention. The compound areas were clean and the crowds were very controlled. CRDA representatives told bishop, "150-200 men, women, but mostly children were dying daily at the peak of the disaster." Bodies were

buried without much ceremony. Death and abject poverty have become the norm. The sight of people resigned to sit in pain and die pitifully but with dignity is quite sobering.

As they walked the compound, they noticed how the weak,

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GENERAL SECRETARY ANNOUNCES CALL MEETING



BISHOP G. R. ROSS

Greetings from the office of General Secretary,

This notice comes as the official announcement of the April Meeting to be held at the downtown headquarters, 272 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, April 9-11, 1985. The vast majority of all credential holders have been notified via mail, but this

announcement should inform the general church. As a leader, it is most urgent that you come prepared to remain through the three day session; also that you will do your best to bring in the full amount of the financial report required of your jurisdiction.

All reports are due in this meeting, the reports from the credential holders as well as the \$6.00 per member membership report.

The Internal Revenue Service is requiring our office to prepare a current directory for 1985. In order to do so, it is imperative that every jurisdiction submit a current updated roll of all credential holders, both men and women, strictly alphabetized. This information should be in the office of the General Secretary before or during the forthcoming April meeting.

Registration will begin at 4:00

p.m. on Monday, April 8. We shall follow the same procedure as in the past. Delegate badges with name, picture and other pertinent information will be issued to all General Assembly delegates. A registration fee of \$5.00 will be requested of each delegate to help underwrite the cost of our operations.

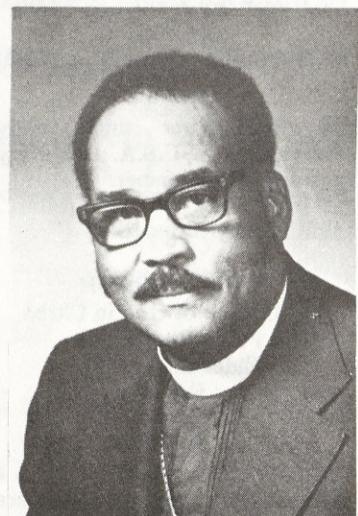
Remember, all delegates to the General Assembly shall be elected by the assembly of their respective jurisdictions in accordance with Article II, Part II, Section B, Subsection 2, Paragraph (1) of the official Manual of the Church of God in Christ.

The master sheet and certificates of election will be mailed under separate cover in as much as delegates must be registered in their jurisdiction.

A very colorful inaugural service is being arranged for Tuesday

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BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON HOST PENTECOSTAL LEADERS



BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON

Black Pentecostal Holiness churches. March 11-12, 1985, was another chapter in the high level conference meetings scheduled by the men and women leading the "congregations of the sanctified". In March 1984,

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GUEST EDITORIAL

SORRY MEN AND MEN THAT ARE SORRY

by
Mother Reather Carter

There are a lot of real good men, even on skidrow. Why are these men on skidrow? Some were driven there by force of oppression. There are some sorry men of course on skidrow; hobo's, vagrants, bums, hustlers, thieves, winebibbers, dope addicts and murderers alike. I know and have talked with some and to look upon them hurts my heart.

There are some sorry men that would rather starve than to work. There is another kind of man or men on skidrow in the same condition; yet, he was not a sorry type to begin with. He is a man that is sorry. He is one that has put forth all efforts to be somebody and to live respectfully in society. He tried over and over to make it and worked at success until all avenues became exhausted. Still, he failed and became disgusted, oppressed and gave up completely. He became sorry for himself, sad over his condition and consequently withdrew from society. He joined the skidrow crowd.

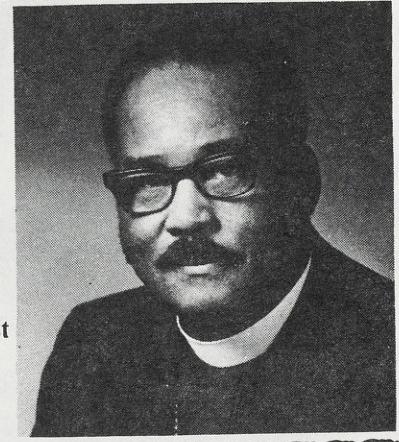
Possibly this man had parents who did understand the rearing of children. Some were smart, educated and skillful in a variety of areas; yet, their child did not get the essential factors to create a real man. The man that is sorry often grows up, gets married, becomes a family man, works hard and supports his family well. For some reason or chain of events, his wife becomes indifferent and discontented. She decides to divorce him, take the home, children, car and all else. She sues him or demands support out of his earnings and gets the greater share. At times he is left with nothing but a job and not enough to make a decent living. He gives up hope and joins the boys on skidrow.

I so often hear women of all walks of life, even in the Church, say, "man's time is out." The women are having to step forward and take over. How dare we say that? Some women hasten to scripture for proof and cite Isaiah 3:12, "As for my people, children are their oppression and women rule over them." Some consider Jeremiah 31:22b as proof, "a woman shall compass a man." This doesn't say a woman shall surpass a man. To compass means to go around, circle or to accomplish. One can not prove anything relative to women's issues with these scriptures. Some women maybe the blame in many ways for the men that are sorry.

Have we women become oppressors to men? In the home, society, in the Church or even to our pastors? Sometimes I wonder if women know how helpful we can be to men in the home, community, and in the Church? We have a beautiful helpful place or places if we will consider, accept and strive to fulfill our God given duties. Out of our place, we can drive a lot of good, smart, honest, hard working men out to skidrow. Women, let us be aware of the desires to rule, oppress or try to become head of the man.

Women, Prayer and Bible Band workers and Mission Department helpers, let us cry out to the Lord and reach out the more in our devotions. We should do more fasting and praying! God can save the unsaved and the needy, even men on skidrow. The Lord's hand is not shortened, that he cannot save. He can reach people in all walks of life, if we will live holy and lift up Jesus.

Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ



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Office of the Presiding Bishop

Dear Saints

Having been blessed of the Lord to safely go through the past few months of severe ice and cold, we now enjoy the spring of the year and the beauty and warmth of new beginnings for the plant life in the earth and the changes in the animal life. These changes are so obvious and the beauty so astounding, that it reminds us anew of the glory and power of our Blessed Lord and His concern for His own.

As He has shown His concern, "God toward man," we must now emulate His example by showing our concern, "man toward man" and "brother to brother." This concern for our fellowman will indeed be exemplary of our Lord's directives for us to "love our neighbor as ourselves."

We would not allow ourselves to go without food, or clothing, or shelter, or those other necessities of life; therefore, we must do all within our means to reach out to mankind and express, through deeds, the love and concern we have for those in need. Whether it be our neighbor, a friend, a relative, or a stranger, we must never pass that person that we see in need and wait for someone else to address their problem. It is our responsibility, as CHRISTIANS, to follow the pattern of Jesus and comfort those about us.

As the signs of new life appear around us, I pray that you, too, will show signs of new life by working to better the lives of those among us who are less fortunate. I assure you your reward from the Hand of God will far surpass any request you could ask of God.

Your Chief-servant,



J. O. Patterson, Sr.
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JURISDICTIONAL NEWS

CAPACITY CROWD GREET BISHOP DAVIS



On the evening of February 16, 1985, the Southern Mississippi Jurisdiction was pleased to present an "Evening of Tribute" honoring its leader, Bishop Theodore Roosevelt Davis. This signal occasion came about as the result of the Bishop's re-election to the post of National Treasurer of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., during its four-year election held last November. While Bishop Davis has held that position of import for a number of years, November last marked his first election as Treasurer against opposition, an election that he won handily.

This grand affair, held in the exquisite Grand Ballroom of the new Ramada Hotel North in Jackson, Mississippi, drew record-breaking attendance as the constituents of Southern Mississippi and its neighboring states came to celebrate the service of this man of integrity both to his local and jurisdictional following, as well as to the Church of God in Christ at large. The more than 500-member audience dined elegantly and sat

attentively as an array of well-wishers proffered vocal and tangible tribute to the honoree.

The highlight of that series of accolades came, however, as Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, prelate of Texas Northeast and newly-elected General Board member, quite eloquently matched the long years of service of Bishop Davis to the well-run race of the Christian in general and the ordered and circumspect life of the bishop in particular. The crowd sat in captivity as the speaker's message about this man of God permeated their hearts and inspired their souls to new heights of attainment.

A delightful touch was added to this gala affair as Bishop Davis, during his closing remarks, presented his newly-taken and very gracious wife, Mrs. Emma Hawthorne Davis, to his jurisdictional constituency. Bishop and Mother Davis reside in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs. Jacqueline F. Wheelock
Reporter

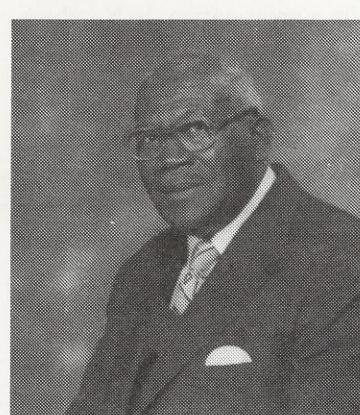
NOTE OF THANKS

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour:

Please permit me to express my most sincere thanks and deepest appreciation for the kindness you demonstrated towards me here in Chicago, on December 17, 1984. I am especially honored by the promotion to serve in The Office of Bishop.

Bishop Patterson, you can be assured, that as we labour here in this part of the moral vineyard, we will all serve on one accord.

Again, I would like to say thanks



BISHOP R. L. FORD

to you and the entire Board.

Your Brother in Christ,
Bishop R. L. Ford

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NEWS FROM ALABAMA

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him; talk ye of all his wondrous works." Psalm 105:1-2

Holy Greetings to the saints of God:

Our First Annual Heritage Seminar was held on February 9, 1985. First Church of God in Christ, served as host for this occasion. The program's theme reflected upon the early church. Various saints from around the area churches participated in this event. Our faithful pastor served as Emcee of this program, assisted by Sister Ederick Davis.

Mother Lizzie Roberson, the organizer of the Women's Department was echoed by Sister Sally Smith. Mother Lillian Coffey, by yours truly, Mother Annie L. Bailey; Sister Jo Ann Goldsmith. There were testimonies reflecting the early years of this grand old Church of God in Christ: Mother Fleming and Mother Menneatory Davis. Organizer of the S.S. Department, Superintendent F. C. Christmas, echoed by Elder

Stevenson. Organizer of the Y.P.W.W. Department, Bishop Ozro Thorston Jones, by Elder James C. Simon.

Reflection upon early songs reminisced by: Deacon E. Fleming and Deacon Tommie L. Davis. Backup singers: Sister Archie, Mother Gamble, Sister Johnson and our National Evangelist, Dorothea Brown.

Recounting the early history of the church was given by our own beloved historian, Mother Lena Allen. ("For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.") Proverbs 2:21

Sister Levern Simon served as the program's co-ordinator. The Heritage Seminar ended with a delicious dinner prepared by the saints.

You are always welcome to the 1st Church of God in Christ, services. May the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ be with you.

Eld. John H. West, Pastor
Sis. Edwina Pope, Church Reporter '85

NEWS FROM MARYLAND

From the Powerhouse Church of God in Christ, where the Elder Junius Clifton is the very fine pastor.

Friends, God has wonderfully and miraculously blessed us to open the doors of the New Powerhouse Church of God in Christ, now located on the corner of Mineola and Powhatan in Salisbury, Maryland. The grand opening took place on December 16, 1984, at 5 o'clock. Led by our pastor, we walked from the old church to the new. Along the way, our hearts were bursting with happiness and joy. We sang praises to our God, that he allowed a few in number, as we are, along with the help of friends and family to participate in such a great plan of building God's house. We marched in and around the walls of the church, while clergy, associates, friends, and family watched. Representing the Eastern Shore Jurisdiction was Bishop James L. Eure, along with his elders and ministers. The Bishop Ted Thomas and his family from the first Jurisdiction of Virginia shared in the excitement. We were blessed to have the Bishop of Maryland Central, Bishop James I. Doswell, which we are a part, along with his elders and ministers and the Maryland Central State Choir. Our Bishop brought a message of inspiration and dedication. The message prompted us to rededicate to our church and to God. We were honored to have among us the Black Ministers Alliance, which our

pastor, Elder Clifton, is the treasurer. The Black Ministers Alliance is composed of Black Ministers throughout the Salisbury area. Some of the members of the alliance, are Rev. J. Abbott, Rev. J. C. Mills and Rev. C. Mack. The ministers presence brought a sense of unity. We were assured of our brethren support from other denominations. Showing acts of love, were Bishop Baby Stokes coming in from Florida, Elder and Sis. Vanzant of Kansas City Missouri, and the professional talents, such as the architecture. This was the fourth church Elder Clifton has built with the continuing help of God. The New Powerhouse, when totally completed, is valued at a half of a million dollars. We at the Powerhouse will never forget that day. It was a day that the Lord brought us through toils and snares, through hard work and sometimes despair. He let us glance back to where we came from, and look ahead to what we with his help can do. The Lord blessed us, and we are determined to let God's spirit have free course in the New Powerhouse as it did in the old.

Pray much for us.

The Pastor and Members
Powerhouse COGIC
Sis. Betty Turner, Secy. and
Reporter

mento, California is inspiring many to find Christ as Savior. The following revival testimonies came from a revival conducted in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Sister Lucille Perry reflected, "thank God for sending the evangelistic team of Elder and Sister Battle to our city. When they came, my left side was paralyzed but through their prayers, God blessed me to be stronger and my ability to walk is much better."

Sister Sandra K. Richardson reports the team blessed her soul through their ministry. During the stirring revival conducted here helped her find greater strengthening. God has brought healing to her. She had an operation on her left knee in February of 1977 to repair ligaments and cartilage which were severely pulled and torn. As a result of the injury, great stiffness and numbness in that knee made life difficult. God touched the knee and she received healing and strengthening from the knee down and including her ankle.

May this report of God's blessing in Oklahoma benefit some other soul in the Church. The evangelistic team of Elder and Sister Battle is allowing God to use them for great service.

OBEY

To Thee Oh God will I
Obey. If only Thee
my ways
would Please, The
joy my
Heart would Bubble
with.
If Thee I should; as I
have
tried, but as you
know not
hard enough. Yet Oh
Lord,
My Love for Thee, is
not as
True, as it should be.
But you
Know, Dear Lord I'm
going
to Love you more and
more
and Help from Thee
I'm
Shamed to ask. When
every
need you do supply
But Help I ask and
Help
I need that only Thou
can
Give to lift your name
to
Love you more I
should.

Thou Love oh God It
can
Supply, The joy we
each desire
to lift your name to
Love you more I
should.
Bro. Adam Wilson

NEWS FROM OKLAHOMA

The evangelistic team of Elder and Sister Battle is doing the



LOCAL CHURCH VISIT THE BLACK HILLS

Psalms: 48:1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the City of our God, in the mountain od his holiness.

Yes, the words of this great psalm very well describe the feelings of our group of Saints and friends who left Denver Colorado from the Gethsemane Church of God in Christ on the date of July 16, 1984 at 9:00 a.m. under the leadership and direction of Pastor William A. Harris, who only a few months before sat down with the program committee members and planned a beautiful and exciting Spiritual outreach trip to South Dakota.

We were welcomed aboard the bus by Pastor Harris and our bus driver, Minister Charles Johns and their families. Our hearts were already rejoicing in prayer and songs of devotion which were held in the sanctuary before our departure.

After traveling for a while and listening to gospel music, we enjoyed several short sermons given by some of our young and local ministers, and Elders.

There were testimonies and words of wisdom given by the missionaries and mothers and the ministers wives, our deacons, and all those who wished to participate.

After stopping for lunch we boarded our bus and headed out for South Dakota. Pastor Harris pointed out various sites of interest along the way. After some quiet time aboard the bus we continued to rejoice in the Lord thru song, and sermons. We also enjoyed a reading of the "CREATION" written by the author, James Weldon Johnson. Oh! what a delight it was to just sit back enjoy the scenes of the Black Hills. It was about this time someone started to sing, "Praise Ye The Lord." After arriving at Mount Rushmore we were almost overwhelmed by the sites of its carvings ingrained in the stone. It was a site to behold. Seeing us all together, others along the way were interested in

our group, this gave some of us a chance to witness to them about the great and mighty God we serve who had made this trip possible.

After our arrival in the City of Rapid South Dakota, we checked into the Motel. A few minutes later, we headed for the bus again to see Mt. Rushmore, only this time at night. It was truly a site to see our country's former presidents, nestled between the mountains, with the bright lights outlining their marveled features, the dark night above them twinkling with beautiful stars. Someone gathered the children to them and pointed out the Big Dipper, as they explained the carved faces in the stone. Then it was time to leave. After our arrival back at the motel everyone headed off to their rooms and to bed, as our Pastor said, "God Bless All of You and have a good nights rest, we'll see you in the morning bright and early."

After breakfast we boarded the bus and were on our way for a scenic tour through the Badlands. As we traveled, we again sang songs of praise and gave testimonies to the Lord. Upon our arrival to the Badlands were given some time to take pictures. We looked around at the vast wonderland of fantastic colorful formations which have been so uniquely created. In the midst of all our delight and happiness at what our eyes were beholding we had to pause for a moment and thank our God for the beauty of it all. Soon it was time to be on our way again, this time to Spearfish South Dakota. Later we arrived at a beautiful park where a stream of water trickled over a slight waterfall with children playing and fishing in the water.

What a lovely place for a cookout. By this time we were all ready for a delicious meal of barbeque chicken, ribs, cole slaw, hot dogs, potatoe chips, and yes, even cold watermelon. Everyone was even more excited as the time grew closer for the Passion

Play.

Upon our arrival to the beautiful amphitheater our excitement mounted as we hurried to take our seats and waited for the performance to begin. What a magnetic performance we enjoyed as we watched each scene of the beautiful Passion Play unfold before our eyes. We felt almost as if we were there during the last seven days of Christ's life. What a marvelous way to end the evening praising God because he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Wednesday morning it was off to breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and then a final picture taking session and time to say goodbye to South Dakota. As we said "Good-bye" with sad eyes and happy hearts, we knew that this would be a place we would hold in our memories and our hearts forever.

Written By:
Sis. Betty L. Trammell

OBITUARY



REV. E. P. M. RANDALL

HOME GOING OF PAPA RANDALL

In Loving Memory of National Evangelist of the Church of God in Christ, Rev. E. P. M. Randall, affectionately called, "Papa or Dad Randall."

Papa Randall was born, July 27, 1902, to Jeff and Pauline Randall in Goudeau, Louisiana.

Papa Randall, world-wide known as the "White Robe Preacher," was called to the ministry at an early age and lead of the Lord to dress as he did, in a white robe, which he said the Lord gave him to dress in this manner as an example of pureness.

Papa Randall traveled over fifty (50) years preaching on the streets, in store front churches and brush harbors. Many souls were saved through his ministry. He preferred the Evangelist field even though he pastored several churches.

Papa Randall held many offices in the National Evangelist Department. He served as the First National Evangelist Secretary in the beginning of the Department, over (50) years ago.

ETHIOPIA by Bro. John P. Croom

Of all the lands of Africa beyond the Great Sahara Desert, Ethiopia had the greatest influence upon ancient Egyptian civilization. These two nations shared the Nile River and its branches from the Ethiopian highlands, the Atbara, Blue Nile, and Sobat. The early relations of these countries reveals that the Ethiopians had ruled in Egypt between 715 and 663 B.C., as the XXV Dynasty. However, around 480 B.C., according to the Greek historian Herodotus, the Ethiopians marched with Xerxes' army against the Greeks.

Christianity came to Ethiopia in mass during the first century of the Christian Era-with the rise of the Axumite Kingdom, in what is now called Eritrea and Northern Ethiopia or Amhora. Axum was its capital, near present Adura, and Addis, on the Red sea, was its commercial port. But it wasn't until the fifth century that the Kingdom officially adopted Christianity.

However, Hebrews, as far back as their Babylonian captivity (II Kings 18:9-16) of the sixth century B.C., had sought refuge in the Ethiopian highlands. Thus Ethiopia's ancient ties with the Israelites are well recorded in the Old Testament. In Isaiah 37, God used the Ethiopians to save Israel when Jerusalem was besieged by the Assyrians. Tirhakah, a mighty Ethiopian king, defeated Sennacherib, the fierce Assyrian king, in the battle of Jerusalem, Circa, 695 B.C. Tirhakah's victory saved Israel from the vicious Assyrians. See also II Kings 19:9-10.

Throughout the Holy Scriptures Africans have played prominent roles. In Genesis 16:1-16, we learn that Abraham's first son, Ishmael, came by an African woman-Hager, an Egyptian maid. God blessed Ishmael (Gen. 17:20), and said He would make him a great nation. In Numbers 12:1, the scriptures reveal that Moses married an Ethiopian (African) woman. Job referred to himself as "black" (Job 30:30). Moreover, the romantic interlude of the Song of Solomon clearly states that the women whom Solomon calls "my love," is the Shulamite women-- beautiful black women. "I am black," she states, "but comely O ye

Papa Randall was a professional painter. Many churches were beautified from his talent and labor. He often referred to himself as a P.P.P. man, meaning he could "Pray-Preach and Paint."

Papa Randall met and married Miss Willetta Page, the youngest daughter of the late Bishop L. C. Page over forty years ago. He departed this life, January 7, 1985.

Papa Randall leaves to cherish his memories, a loving and

daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me" (Song of Solomon 1:5-6). In Amos 9:7, God told the prophet Amos that he loves the Ethiopians as much as he loves the Israelites. God told Jeremiah to tell Ebed-Melech, an African (Ethiopian), that he would save him (Jeremiah 38:7-13; Jer. 39:15-18). And, Simeon of Cyrene (a North African) carried Jesus' cross up the hill of calvary (Luke 23:26).

But, however, Africans have not always appeared valiantly in the scriptures. There are some dismal chapters, too. Nahum 3:9-10 recounts days of slavery: "Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers. Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity; her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets; and they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains." See also Isaiah 20:4-5.

Moreover, the book of Judgment (Revelation 5) is locked by seven seals; only Christ, the Lamb, can open the Book. The third seal (Rev. 6:5) is symbolized by a "black horse", which signifies the JUDGMENT OF FAMINE that will prevail at the close of this age. Africa today is blighted with famine. In Latin, AFFRE CARECTAE refers to beasts or beasts of burden. Horses are beasts of burden. Could the "black horse" of Rev. 6:5 refer to the inhabitants of Africa? Maybe...CF. Lamentations 5:10.

However, all is not doom and gloom in the scriptures. There is wonderful hope--that hope is in Christ. "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear Him, upon those who hope in His mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee" (Psalms 33:18-22).

devoted wife, Mother Willetta Randall, State Supervisor of the Arizona Jurisdiction; six sons, Mancer, Ray, Fredrick, Cornelius, Lloyd and one son, Steven, who preceded him in death; two daughters, Nadine and Joana; several grandchildren; three sisters; two brothers; many nephews and nieces, and a host of foster children, saints and friends.

"GOOD NIGHT PAPA RANDALL-SEE YOU IN THE MORNING."

WOMEN'S PAGE

ABORTION (Continued from March)

THE BIBLE AND ABORTION

Amos 1:13-15 — Yahweh says this: "For the three crimes, the four crimes, of the sons of Amon I have made my decree and will not relent: Because they have dismembered the pregnant women of Gilead in order to extend their own frontiers, I am going to light a fire against the wall of Rabbah to burn up her palaces, to the sound of war cries on the day of battle, amid storms on a day of hurricane; and their king shall go into exile, he and his princes with him," say Yahweh.

If Society Shows a Tendency to Choose Death, What Responsibility Does the Church Have? To Compromise?

Ezekiel the Prophet as sentry — After seven days the word of Yahweh was addressed to me as follows: "Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from me, warn them in my Name. If I say to a wicked man: You are to die, and you do not warn him; if you do not speak and warn him to renounce his evil ways and so live, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible to his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man and he does not renounce his wickedness and his evil ways, then he shall die for his sin, but you, yourself will have saved your life. When the upright man renounces his integrity to do evil and I set a trap for him he too shall die; since

you failed to warn him, he shall die for his sin and the integrity he practiced will not longer be remembered; but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you warn the upright man to sin and he abstains from sinning, he shall live, thanks to your warning, and you too will have saved your life."

John 10:9-16 — I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: He will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd."

look pretty," "My pastor's wife sings us happy every Sunday morning," "Well our first lady tries to run the church," "My pastor's wife really inspires me and provides a saintly role model for the women."

The fact of the matter is, she is a very unique person, called and ordained by God to fill a special position in the body of Christ. No matter what her gifts or talents, she is a pastor's wife first. Often misunderstood her accountability however, is first to the Lord and then to her husband.

The role of a pastor's wife can be compared in many ways to Deborah, who was a prophetess. Her role was that of leader and supporter for the children of Israel. She was the fourth judge. She is known as the "Mother of Israel." She was the wife of Lapidoth (Read Judges the fourth chapter). The fifth verse says she lived under the palm tree between Ramah and Bethel. Deborah was called by God. She proved to be wise and tactful. She was a poet and it is said that her songs passed from mouth to mouth and resounded from every hill.

Israel was being oppressed by the Canaanites. This was a time they needed a military leader to break the power of Sisera's army. Deborah realized the need and commissioned Barak. He was apparently a man of great potential but it was the faith and encouragement of Deborah that sparked the flame into action. She instructed Barak to assemble the troops in the name of the Lord. It is said she taught him the plan of battle that he was to pursue. At one point Barak told Deborah, "If thou will go with me then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me then I will not go."

Barak was reluctant even with the assurance that God would deliver. We often read the word of God in which he gives us the assurance that he will be with us and yet our faith wavers. Deborah's leadership ability gave her the foresight to see his fear. Instead of criticizing and badgering him, she simply said, "I will surely go with thee."

As you read the story you will find that Deborah was not a warrior, but her role was that of enlisting and inspiring the military leader who was capable of attaining the victory...The battle was won by the Israelites. They were delivered from the hands of their enemy. Barak had accepted the challenge but behind him was Deborah who was the driving force.

There are two distinct attributes that can be gained from this story. The ability to support and the ability to lead at the same time is clearly stated. Her prophetic ability enabled her to discern the mind and purpose of God and to declare it to others,

NO MORE BUBBLES by Carol A. M. Robinson

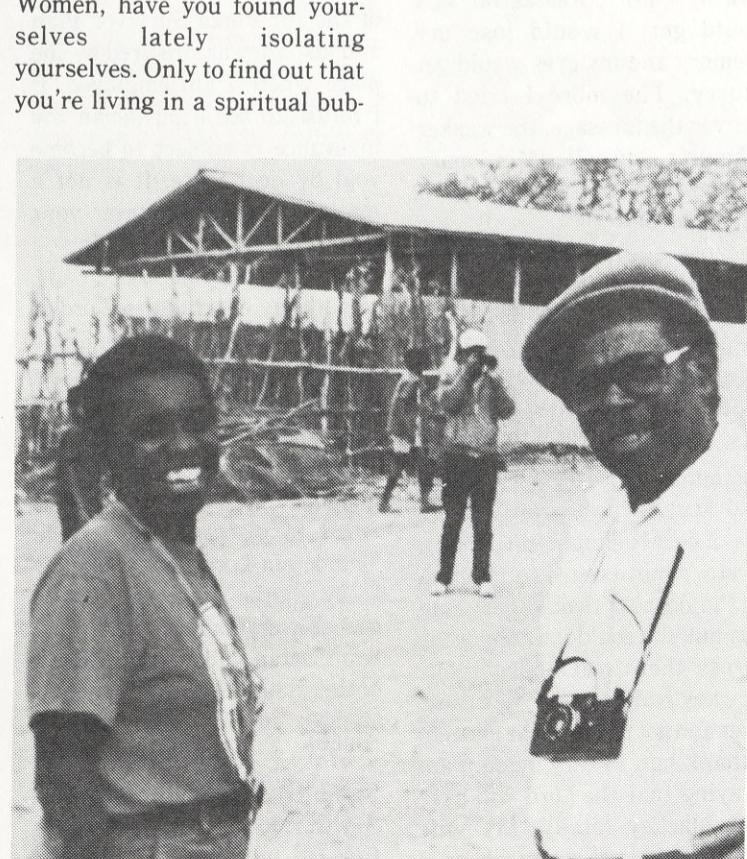
Twelve years ago a child was born, this child's name was David. David was born with immunological disease; which can be described as: a rare disease effecting one in 100,000 children; which renders the victim incapable of warding off the slightest infection. A child can die from a common cold and the risk of cancer is 10,000 times the normal risk.

The very beginning of David's life began in a plastic bottle. As he grew his elements advanced to living inside a special space like suit that was supplied by NASA. Never once being able to feel the natural elements that we undoubtedly take for granted, little David became comfortable with his uncommon conditions.

One day after David became repeatedly ill, he was removed from his isolated bubble and for the first time welcomed a warm kiss from his mother and father. This cost David's life, yet I feel if David knew what his coming out would do for so many children with the same condition, he would be proud of his great contribution to mankind.

Lets not get ourselves entangled in situations of feeling we're not good enough, intelligent enough or strong enough. Only to end up in that spiritual bubble, afraid to come out because of what people might say.

What is going to be your greatest contribution to mankind? David had to come out of his bubble in order to help mankind; likewise women we're going to have to do the same. That testimony will convict some poor soul, that song could inspire someone in despair, your participation in the church will enrich the sweet spirit of fellowship. "The women that gave the least gave the most. Why? because she gave all she had."



DR. NORMAN QUICK TALKS WITH CHRISTIAN RELIEF WORKER FROM THE STATES.



MRS. B. M. LEWIS

A few Sundays ago a very attractive young lady visited our church. The usher brought her to the third pew which happens to be the row in which I sit. She sat down next to me and immediately began to scan the audience, observing each lady very carefully. It was obvious she was looking for one individual.

She leaned over and quietly whispered, "Who is the Pastor's Wife?" I blushed a bit and looked down shyly then replied, "I am the pastor's wife. At that point I was almost sorry I had identified myself because she appeared to be embarrassed and at a loss for words. Well we got through the service and afterwards I managed to relax the situation by making a comical remark about the incident. She laughed and seemed to be relieved that I was not offended by her question.

One day Jesus asked his disci-

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READER'S WRITE

ENDURING FAITH
by
Elder Leon C. Smith

Saints of God everywhere, Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus. The Lord has blessed me to see the sunlight of a brand new day, of which I am glad. On the Sunday morning of February 3, 1985 my family and I had an experience that we won't very easily forget. I want to share it with the world. We had just finished a very beautiful Sunday School lesson, "The Light of Life." We had talked about the omnipotent attribute of God. I am a firm believer of the healing powers of Jesus. I preach it, and I believe it. I keep fasting and praying for the strength and the faith to preach the whole gospel.

I am the new pastor of a small church (Lincolnshire COGIC) here in San Antonio. I am in the process of trying to rebuild the membership and Satan is trying to prevent it from happening. Sunday morning (Feb. 3, 1985), I was standing at the pulpit getting ready to deliver my Sunday morning message, and one of the members interrupted me and told me her daughter had a terrible headache, and asked would I pray for her. The mother is Missionary Nesby, and the daughter is Sis. Boykin (the pianist). I went down to pray for Sis. Boykin and after rebuking the power of Satan and telling him that he is a liar, and God only is true, I went back to the rostrum. I noticed that it was extremely warm and becoming difficult to breathe. I turned one heater down and the other one off. When going back to the rostrum I started to get a little dizzy. I attributed the dizziness to the heat. I started to get into my message again (Romans 5:1) and I could only read the first phrase, "Therefore being justified by Faith", was as far as I could get. I would lose my memory and my eyes would get blurry. The more I tried to deliver the message, the weaker I became. My wife (Missionary Barbara Smith), kept calling me to go and pray for Sis. Boykin because she appeared to have passed out. I heard her talking to me, but I couldn't respond. I couldn't move, and I was getting weaker and losing the desire to stay awake. I kept trying to read the scripture and saying yes to the Lord. I kept getting weaker, and kept telling Satan that he was a lie. My daughter (Chondra Evette Smith), tried to take me to the door so I could get some air, but she could not. She went across the street and got Mr. Mackey and his son. They came over and got us out of the church. I thank him so very much. I am praying that the Lord will save the Mackey family. My wife wasn't affected as much as I was. After I became mobile, we got into the car and she started

to drive us home. I started to have trouble breathing and kept trying to regurgitate and my head started hurting. I told my wife to take me to Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, at Lackland AFB, and see if I could get them to give me some oxygen so I could breathe. I am a retired military personnel, so the hospital personnel set me up for a complete checkup after I explained to them what had happened. They sent my daughter to get my wife and proceeded to set them up for checkups also. They found that we had a definite level of carbon-monoxide in our lungs. Carbon-monoxide has a tendency to cling to the red corpuscles, so they gave each of various blood tests and EKG's, and my wife and I had to take an IV. Then they decided to send us to Brooks AFB to go through the Hydrobaric Chamber where we could breathe 100% oxygen for 2 hours to clear the carbon monoxide out of our system. We had to stay overnight in the hospital for a 12 hour observation check. I tell all of this to the glory of God. Satan tried but he failed--the victory has always belonged to God. I Cor. 15:57. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I preach "Divine Healing" through FAITH in Jesus Christ. I am misunderstood, misquoted, and unappreciated because I preach this. I am accused of fighting doctors. I do not fight doctors and I do not fight medicine. I fight sin! I preach faith! The Bible says "Whatever is not of faith is sin." Romans 14:23. If your being in the hospital, or your seeing a doctor is because of a lack of faith, read Romans 14:23. My family are members of the Air Force Survivor Plan and also they are insured by the place where I am employed. If I refuse to see a physician my insurance is subject to become void by negligence. It is not a matter of faith. Whatever your situation is, you know. If you lack faith, the Bible says, "Faith cometh my hearing the Word of God." Romans 10:17. Satan is trying to discredit the gospel. He is a liar. Glory be to God. Satan has failed on two counts. He couldn't destroy us by carbon-monoxide poison, and he has failed to discredit the gospel. Thank you Lord. As I conclude, I say to the preachers of the gospel everywhere, if you don't want Satan to bother you, don't bother Satan. The war is on.

Amen

Submitted by, Eld. Leon C. Smith, Pastor Lincolnshire COGIC

JOY AND TRUST IN TIME OF TRIAL
by
Barbara A. Mitchell

We realize that God truly loves us and we know there will never be a greater love. One writer states that, "God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son". That's something that He definitely didn't have to do. Never for a wretch undone. But, fact remains: He did it JUST because He loves us. Can't it also be a simple fact to know that if He gave His Only Begotten Son, He also wants us to be happy? We're not talking about someone who just cares enough to take care of Big I's. We're talking about God who made Heaven and Earth, God who spoke and there was LIGHT, God who made man and then made man a Help-Mate, God who only had to speak the word "Peace" and the winds and waves obeyed Him! Since He was able to do all that and then continue to heal the lands and save souls, can't we possibly have enough trust in Him to know that even through our trials and tribulations, He'll be right there!

Now, let's just think about that for a second. He loves us, He takes care of us, He comforts us and He's never forsaken us. So why can't we; who CANNOT take the world into our own hands, have enough joy, faith and trust in Him to know that

He knows what's best for us?! So, we do have trials and tribulations! Have we ever thought maybe we bring these things on ourselves? Maybe we want something that's not for us. After all, He knows what's best for us, right? We need to remember that even if we can't hold onto whatever it was we thought we wanted, that it could mean a greater blessing. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

So what's the use of worrying so much! Especially when we really don't have to worry at all! "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee."

But, we can't be afraid to go through these things. What would have happened if God was afraid to give His Only Begotten Son or if Jesus was afraid to die on Calvary's Cross? Where would I be? Who can say what would have happened if fear was a major factor in God's plans? "I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me". I'm so glad that I don't have to be afraid to go through some things. But it's that LOVE down on the inside that helps us go through a little better. "There is no fear in love,

but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

We know we're going to have these trials and tribulations, so what's the next step? Where do we go from here? We realize we can't bear these burdens alone, right? So why don't we "Cast all our cares upon Him; for He careth for us". After all, these things are much greater than us. The scripture says, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me".

Now that we know we can cast our burdens on Him and He said we could believe in Him, we can have that wonderful peace down on the inside. "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you".

We can't say that the devil won't try us with his foolish tricks because we know he will. But even though we know that he definitely will try, we can be eternally grateful that God will wipe all His children's tears away!

"Weeping may endure for a night, but JOY cometh in the morning!"

Written by Ms. Angela Mitchell

NEWS MINISTRY FOR COGIC

(radio, television, and print).

2. To share expertise, techniques, and ministries.
3. To increase our collective strength in negotiation with other broadcasting organizations and increase collective purchasing power.
4. To create skills and data banks on a national level.
5. To network with one another for funding and interchange of information.
6. To stimulate growth of media ministries in the COGIC.
7. Most importantly, to provide a prayer support group for those involved in this vital outreach ministry.

Temporary officers were chosen. Temporary Chairman: Bro. Dave Draper, Jr., Huntsville, Ala.; Temp. Vice Chairman: Bro. Johnathon Greer; Elder Dwight Green; Temp. Secretary Mrs. Winifred Morris; Temp. Treasure Bro. Dave Slaughter.

The next meeting was held February 6, 1985, at the NRB Convention in Washington, D.C.

This meeting was also one of organization, and the forming of various committees for the structuring of this organization. During this meeting different subjects were brought to the floor, these are some of them; newsletter, data bank, talent bank, training tape (for those persons interested in the television ministry), public relations for the broadcast association. The next meeting for the Church of God in Christ Broadcasters' Association will be held at the Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C., during the Women's Convention May 31 at 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in being a part of this association, please contact: Bishop P. A. Brooks at:

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COGIC MISSION TO ETHIOPIA

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starving people laid quietly on the floor waiting to receive food. The ambulatory and stronger ones gathered at the gates of the supply station to eat and take food home to those too weak to walk 20 - 30 miles for food.

In an interview with Dr. Quick he reflected how the Ethiopian situation has become an issue of faith, "Monday, February 23, 1985 to be exact, I began the trip which I believe has made a most significant impact upon me and has given me an experience which demands to be preached."

He felt this suffering must be acknowledged from the pulpit to allow the saints to understand their God demands a tangible response. He comments that the Ethiopian people are under military control and a nation at war with itself. The combination of political upheaval and famine has created untold misery. He was astonished that only a few years ago Haile Selassie ruled that once proud nation and attempted to bring it along into

GENERAL SECRETARY ANNOUNCE CALL MEETING

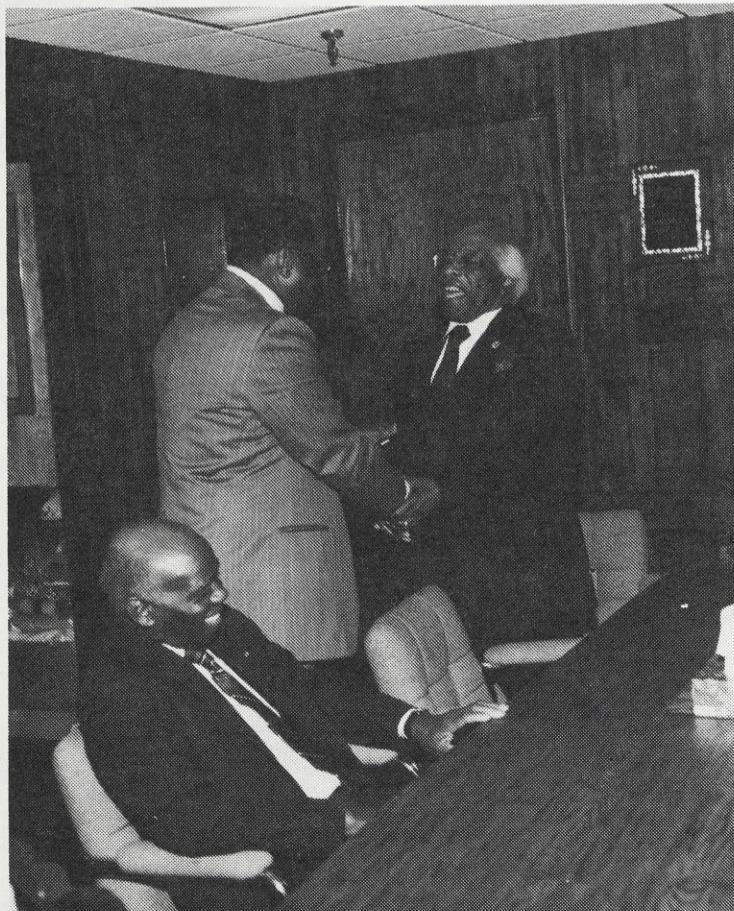
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April 9, at 8:00 p.m. at Pentecostal Temple at which time the Presiding Bishop, General Board, all General Officers and National Departmental leaders will be inaugurated. This will be an historic and most celebrated occasion; one that you cannot afford to miss.

As we attend the Lord's business during this meeting, may we do

BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON HOSTS PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS LEADERS

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BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON SHARES A BRIEF MOMENT OF LAUGHTER WITH BISHOP SMALLWOOD E. WILLIAMS AND BISHOP THOMAS E. TALLEY (Seated), VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED HOLY CHURCH OF AMERICA.

these leaders met and agreed to continue the high level conferences. The conferences serve notice to the Christian world that we pentecostal people are together, in spite of certain traditions that separate us. Together, the various leaders reinforced their personal relationships and promoted general fellowship among their respective organizations.

The principal item on the March agenda was the proposed constitutional structure. A constitutional subcommittee was charged to create a structure that would aid in the continued development of the fellowship. The Elder J. Delano Ellis and various representatives of the other churches served on that subcommittee to draw up the basic tenets for the larger voting delegation.

For those who wonder, this fellowship is not an attempt to blend the various churches into one; only to provide a foundation for better communication and cooperation. Pentecostal Holiness people have too great a struggle to wage against poverty, racism and sin to be separated because of fear or unnecessary bias.

The day of March 12, 1985, was spent in a lengthy working session. For hours the delegates and their leaders cooperated to make the best use of their valuable time. They dialogued about the fellowship's purpose,

its structure, membership, various committees and other procedures. The business session was long and exhausting.

After the session was completed, the saints went to a great worship service. That evening Pentecostal Temple was filled to capacity. The saints were there to witness the presentation of the presiding officers of the various organizations. The choirs lifted up Jesus in song, and the saints praised God in the beauty of holiness.

Bishop J. O. Patterson had travelled to Philadelphia and enjoyed the hospitality of the Bishop Lena Thomas of the Gates of Heaven Pentecostal Church. At the Mount Sinai convention, Bishop Patterson preached before the entire fellowship. In Memphis, he had the opportunity to present the leaders of the other churches to the massive crowd. He also introduced the speaker of the hour, Bishop Smallwood E. Williams. Bishop Williams is the Presiding Prelate of the Bibleway Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ Worldwide, Inc. Bishop Williams preached an inspiring message from Philippians 4:12-13, "I Can Do All Things Through Christ." The worship service put into practice the reality that fellowship and solidarity is wonderful.

The list of participating leaders were as follows: Bishop Smallwood E. Williams of the

Bibleway Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ Worldwide, Inc., the Bishop Harold I. Williams of the Mount Calvary Holy Church of America, Inc., the Bishop Amy B. Stevens of the Mount Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc., The Bishop Lena Thomas of the Gates of Heaven Pentecostal Church, The Bishop Joseph T. Bowens of the United Holy Church of America, the Bishop L. Colene Williams of the Church of the Living God, Pillar and Ground of the Truth, the Apostle G. E. Patterson of the Bountiful Blessings Deliverance church and Bishop J. O. Patterson of the Church of God in Christ. Bishop F. D. Macklin and Bishop W. L. Porter served as hosts to the conference.

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PROFILE OF A SAINT

SERVANT IN PROFILE

There are saints working in the Church on many levels, who contribute to the continued growth and development of the Church of God in Christ. The Whole Truth Newspaper has prepared a series of articles to introduce these saints to the Church in general.

One such person is Mrs. Emily Works, the Executive Housekeeper at the downtown headquarters of the Church. Sister Works has been cleaning the offices at Mason Temple and Mason Temple itself for many years. After years of parttime work, Bishop J. O. Patterson hired her as a full time employee in 1967. Over the years she has witnessed the labor of many of our Church's pioneers. She believes one of her main contributions to their efforts was providing clean surroundings for them to conduct God's business. For years she has walked the halls cheerfully singing a melody and doing whatever possible to help the saints. She spares no effort to keep the offices, Old Publishing House, Mason Temple and the downtown properties cleaned.

Sister Works cleaned Mason Temple before the renovations and said, "cleaning that big place is a hard job." She reflected how Bishop Patterson put carpet

on the floors and renovated the restrooms at Mason Temple. "Little things make a big difference," said Sister Works.

Not only has she cleaned the offices and Mason Temple but she has promoted Saints Center. She is happy to have played a role in promoting the Presiding Bishop's dream. She sponsored a Tea and contributed a total of \$300.00 to the Saints Center project. One of her greatest memories was the \$100.00 a plate dinner she attended. At the dinner she was presented a plaque for "Loyal and Dedicated Service."

She feels that working for the Church has been a blessing to her personally. Over the years she served saints like Bishop A. B. McEwen, Mother Coffee, Mother Bailey and members of the General Board. Most of all she is glad that her efforts have allowed the many saints who attend the Convocation, to do so with more comfort.

Sister Works is a member of Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ. Her pastor is Elder George Coleman. At Prayer Tower, she serves as Sunday School Superintendent, Deaconess and a local Missionary.

Sister Works' husband, Brother Joe Works passed away in 1971. She has two wonderfully saved sisters who share her belief in

Christ; Missionary Ada Brown and Missionary Velma Booker are long time members of the Church of God in Christ. Sis. Booker is married to Elder J. E. Booker, the pastor of the Temple Church of God in Christ.

Sis. Works has been in holiness for over 30 years and will take nothing for her experience. She always says, "people need to go back to the Old Land Mark." One thing is for sure and that is Sis. Emily Works enjoys her job, her Church and her Jesus. She is one of God's important people serving the Church of God in Christ.



SISTER EMILY WORKS

WHO IS THE PASTOR'S WIFE?*Continued from page 5*

yet she was so supportive of Barak that he told her, "if you don't go with us then I won't go."

The pastor's wife is supportive of the vision that God has given to her husband and yet she must exemplify leadership among the parishioners in all areas of stewardship. She also provides a role model of Christian character for the women of the church.

When the odds were against the children of Israel, Deborah said, "We can win the war." Because she was able to inspire, she restored confidence and awakened hope of freedom in every tribe of Israel. She saw that the strategic moment had come. She had not leaped into full glory at once, but had for many years participated in exertive and organizing activity which prepared her for Israel's day of independence. Nothing comes overnight. God has a time of preparation for each of us.

SHE IS A LEADER

Deborah loved God and served him faithfully. Her strength of character enabled her to make decisions that would benefit the great host of Israelites.

The pastor's wife is often found in a position of leadership either assigned or understood. The problem is when the pastor's wife makes a decision, too often she is accused of being bossy or of running the church. If her decision is supportive of a certain group of the church, there is another group that will find her stand totally unacceptable and thus she is accused of showing partiality. Mutuality usually carries you down the middle road.

No matter what her area of expertise, she runs the risk of criticism simply by virtue of the fact that she is the pastor's wife. Her leadership qualities are sometimes even hampered because she must keep in mind that her actions will be reflective on the pastor.

The insight of the pastor's wife is born out of years of experience

with dealing with people. The experience and wisdom she gains enables her to perceive the needs of the individuals in the church. Because of the heavy responsibilities of our pastor, they often rely on their wife to inform them of various situations among the members.

She allows others to grow and develop their potential by encouraging them to go forth in the different ministries of the church. It is so easy to do the things you know need to be done but the pastor's wife will hold back so that others may progress.

Whether she sits in the pew, sings in the choir, whatever her place is, her influence and actions touch those around her. The pastor's wife must be a wise woman. Usually there is little that goes on among the women that she doesn't get wind of. Most times her smile never ceases. Sometimes even more vibrant during the stormy times. Her example of strength often enhances and motivates the women in the church.

SHE IS A SUPPORTER

A supporter is a strong individual. They are secure enough to bring others to the forefront and yet feel comfortable with their role. The dictionary defines a supporter as something or someone who sustains, holds up, bears. Deborah realized that God's work was and never will be centered around only one person. As we support the leadership, we have a smooth running structure; be it a church, a business or in a family. The pastor's wife should be the pastor's chief supporter. Probably more than anything else, she functions as a supporter. No matter what her interests are she is almost always totally engrossed in her husband's ministry.

When the pastor knows that his wife believes in what he is doing, is backing him up in his work, when he knows she is praying for him and is seeking God's will and blessing on his ministry, he can make it...This provides incentive for him to go on and do greater things. But of course

this applies to all husband/wife relationships.

Just the fact that she is supporting her husband in his efforts keeps the first lady's hands full. If she doesn't do anything else in the church but that, she is still pleasing God.

The pastor's wife is divinely chosen by God to be the one that will stand with the pastor, lending a supporting ear in the midnight hours or sometimes just to be the one to pray. No matter how qualified, how intellectual, how attractive no matter how capable other women are, the pastor's wife is vital to a successful church. Deborah was chosen for that hour and God used her to win a mighty battle. To be chosen brings a lot of responsibility but even more important, to chose to allow the Holy Ghost to control your life makes any given job much easier.

I suppose it is important that others always know who the pastor's wife is. Lets face it ladies we are a part of the image of our church. Keep in mind however, God has created us with the ability to feel, to think, to chose, to do. Knowing ourselves includes knowing how we function in all four areas. Rather, it can be a process that frees us from ourselves and allows us to function in roles which are consistent with the person God designed us to be.

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